

## HUNDRED LIVES REPORTED LOST IN SHIPWRECK OFF CALIFORNIA.

Two Steamers in Collision Near Mendocino and One of Them Goes to the Bottom With Many People.

### LOST VESSEL THE WALLA WALLA, OF SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 3.—The steamer Walla Walla was wrecked off Mendocino, Cal., today.

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Sixty passengers were saved. The steamer collided with an unknown ship and foundered.

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When the vessel left San Francisco she had eight boats, and four rats, all of which were in the water.

According to the report of the boat at Trinidad all were drifting north.

The boat which arrived started with thirteen passengers and had seven on its arrival.

Twelve have been sent to the rescue.

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Pacific Steamship Company here this afternoon says that forty lives were lost in the Walla Walla disaster.

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ANNAPOLIS LINE TO BE BUILT.

Everett-Moore Crash Will Not Affect the Project.

Vice President Christy, of the Washington and Annapolis Railway Company, one of the concerns in which the great Everett-Moore Electric Railway syndicate is interested, said this afternoon to a Times reporter that the trouble of that syndicate will not affect the Washington enterprise in any way.

"Mr. Everett and Mr. Moore are both interested in the Washington and Annapolis enterprise, but they do not own the controlling interest in it.

"We are proceeding with our grading and other preliminary work, and hope to have the line both to Annapolis and to Baltimore running before the end of this year."

FAREWELL TO MR. PAYNE.

Three Thousand Milwaukee Citizens Shake His Hand.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 3.—A farewell reception was given Henry C. Payne, the new Postmaster General, last night. Over 2,000 persons came to give Mr. Payne a parting word and handshake, and among them were the prominent men of the city, Democratic and Republican.

Postmaster Stillman, Captain Denney and the entire force of clerks and carriers of the local office were present. From the clerks Mr. Payne received a horseshoe of flowers.

Mr. Payne expressed himself as pleased with the reception. He said he cared more for the good wishes of his friends and neighbors than anything else. Mr. Payne will leave for Washington Sunday.

POSTAL SERVICE PROMOTIONS.

Efficiency of Two Department Officials Rewarded.

There are two men in the United States postal service whom Postmaster General Smith has made very happy by fittingly recognizing their efficiency and faithful application to their duties. They are C. Howard Buckler and N. M. Bacon. Mr. Buckler, on December 21, 1901, was named by Mr. Smith as superintendent of the system of postal finance, the promotion to take effect January 1, at an annual salary of \$2,500. Mr. Buckler succeeds Miss Lillian Norton, who temporarily held the office since the death of its last incumbent, Mr. Bingham. Mr. Buckler is required to furnish a bond of \$10,000. Miss Norton will again occupy her former position as assistant superintendent of the finance division.

Mr. Bacon was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the promotion of Mr. Buckler, as chief clerk of Edwin C. Madden, the Third Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Bacon was appointed on December 31 last, and the promotion took effect on January 1. The salary attached to his new post amounts to \$2,100. He formerly occupied the position of assistant superintendent of the registry division. Mr. Bacon is a native of Michigan.

Consolidation Story Not Confirmed.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Enquiries were made at the offices of the American and Leyland Steamship lines today regarding the reported amalgamation of the two lines, but no confirmation could be obtained.



ALL HAIL TO THE YEAR'S FIRST BUD!

## COL. EDWIN W. AYRES FALLS DEAD IN A BANK.

End of the Well-Known Newspaper Correspondent and Promoter Comes Without a Note of Warning From Any Source.

### SEEMED WELL WHEN HE LEFT HOME AFTER BREAKFAST

Col. Edwin W. Ayres, the well-known correspondent and promoter, dropped dead this morning at the Citizens' National Bank. He fell in the arms of his life-

long friend, E. S. Johnson, president of that institution.

Dr. T. L. Perkins was in the bank at the time, and was soon at the side of the stricken man, but the pulse had already ceased and the powerful restoratives that were administered were not availing.

Death From Heart Trouble.

Acting Coroner Glazebrook was notified and gave a certificate of death from natural causes. The physicians state that death was due to heart trouble. The body was removed to the late residence of Colonel Ayres, 1124 New Hampshire Avenue northwest, whence the funeral will probably take place. The funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed.

Colonel Ayres left his home shortly after 9 o'clock this morning in the best of spirits and apparently in perfect health. He had been jovial with the family at the breakfast table and left the house at his accustomed hour for his office in the Van Doren Building, 1331 F Street northwest. He remained in the office only long enough to look over his morning mail. As he went out he remarked that he would not be gone more than two minutes, and started down the steps with an elastic tread. He went direct to the Citizens' National Bank, 615 Fifteenth Street northwest, where, without ceremony, he entered the private office of President Johnson and took a vacant chair beside the desk of the head of the bank.

Fell Into Friend's Arms.

Mr. Johnson was busy at the time and only looked up to greet his friend who exchanged several remarks with him regarding the organization of a health food company and continued his work. Mr. Johnson had about completed his work when he thought that his friend had become unusually quiet for him, and looking up from his work saw Colonel Ayres leaning forward as though about to fall to the floor. Springing from his chair Mr. Johnson caught the stricken man in his arms. Believing that Colonel Ayres had only fainted, he held him for a moment thinking that he might revive. The next instant the deadly pallor which covered his friend's face started Mr. Johnson and, calling assistance, he laid Colonel Ayres upon the floor, almost within the view of those doing business at the counters. Death was almost instantaneous.

Called King of the Lobby.

Colonel Ayres had frequently been referred to as "the King of the Lobby," and it was universally conceded that he had justly won that title by his straightforward methods. He was born in Lynchburg, Va., June 19, 1837, and had been in the business of promoting legislation for over twenty-two years. In that time he achieved more triumphs for the interests that he represented than any other man of his day.

After passing through the fury of the civil war, Colonel Ayres left his native State and went to New York city upon \$40 borrowed from a former employer. In New York he engaged in the wholesale tobacco business and accumulated within a year or two more than a quarter of a million of dollars, all of which, and much more, was swept away in a single day by a decision of the Treasury Department.

Recently Colonel Ayres had been engaged in the prosecution of claims before Congress and of caring for the interests of contractors on river and harbor work. For fifteen years he was the representative before Congress of the Union Pacific Railroad. He leaves a wife and two children, both of whom are grown. The daughter is now Mrs. Catharine Whitehead, the wife of the assayer of the United States Mint. Gustav Ayres, a son, is an examiner in the Patent Office.

## A DEADLOCK IS LOOKED FOR IN OHIO.

Honors Are Still About Even in the Pierce Hanna-Forker Fight For Party Control.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Chairman Dick arrived early this morning to assume personal charge of the fight for McKinnon, Senator Hanna's candidate for Speaker of the Assembly.

George B. Cox and the Hamilton County delegation arrived last night to lead the fight for Price, candidate of the Forker faction.

Cox, the Cincinnati leader, spent the night in conference with other leaders, and today he said:

"It is a fight to the finish."

Final Deadlock May Come.

That remark succinctly characterizes the condition of the speakership fight, beside which every other feature of the struggle for control of the general assembly has sunk into insignificance.

With the caucus less than forty-eight hours away, no person knows who will be elected speaker. Honors are about equal this morning and a final deadlock would not cause surprise.

Evans, of Jackson, came out squarely for McKinnon last night. A few minutes earlier, Pool, of Logan, made an equally decisive declaration for Price. Foster, of Ross, declared for McKinnon, and Rannels, of Hocking-Vinton, yielded to the pro-Hanna sentiment of his constituents and joined the McKinnon forces.

How the Voters Now Stand.

The report that Roll, of Warren, had declared for Price, was disputed by the Hanna men, but was generally credited. Pool had been counted for Price, and Evans for McKinnon, but Rannels, Ralls and Foster's declarations take them out of the doubtful column.

On the surface these changes would give McKinnon thirty-five votes and Price thirty-one, but the Price men appear to have made inroads on the votes previously credited to McKinnon.

Like Hanna-McKinnon Fight.

The contest had taken on several features of the famous Hanna-McKinnon fight of four years ago, when detectives thronged the capital and pledged members were guarded like caged animals.

The Hanna men state that General Dick had not intended to come to Columbus at all. He had, they say, most ample excuse for coming, as McKinnon, the speakership candidate, is from Congressman Dick's district.

Slight Exception for Borrowers.

"The department will not enforce the payment of money borrowed at exorbitant rates of interest, nor will it recognize bills or claims presented by professional collectors."

"This order does not apply to debts contracted by persons at a time when they were not employed in this department, or to debts contracted prior to November 17, 1897, the date of the original order covering the subject."

New Rules for Clerks.

Secretary Gage also issued another circular letter this morning regarding rules and regulations to be observed by Treasury employees during office hours. The circular is commented on both in severe and complimentary terms. It is as follows:

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## A COLD WAVE COMING.

Weather Bureau Expects a Temperature of Fifteen Degrees.

A cold wave is coming. Such was the nature of a proclamation sent forth by Willis L. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, today, with instructions to hoist the cold-wave flag as the temperature would fall to about 15 degrees by Saturday.

The chilling visitor will arrive from the West and Northwest, where, during the past twenty-four hours the temperature has fallen twenty to thirty degrees. Although the mercury in this section will not make an excursion below the zero point, the weather will be severely cold by tomorrow. After tomorrow it will begin to moderate slowly until the cold and winds have departed to other sections.

STONE RUMOR UNCONFIRMED.

No Tidings of Her Reported Release at State Department.

The State Department received no information today concerning the welfare of Miss Ellen M. Stone. It has no confirmation of the report recently sent from Sofia to London to the effect that she was released by the Bulgarian brigands on January 1.

In consequence the opinion is that the rumor is unfounded, as had her release been obtained it is more than probable that authentic news would have been received here by this time.

Stringent Rules Laid Down Regarding Duties of Employees During Their Office Hours.

## SECRETARY GAGE ISSUES STERN UKASES FOR CLERKS.

Careless Debtors to Be Liable to Dismissal, Though Protected From Money Sharks.

One of the last official acts of Secretary Gage has been the promulgation of a circular letter which has been posted in conspicuous places throughout the Treasury Building and which has been received with a great deal of satisfaction by the Treasury clerks and employees.

The letter, which will go down in the annals of Uncle Sam's banking institution as characteristic of the man who is its author, is as follows:

"In cases brought to the attention of this office charging clerks or employees of this department with neglect to pay indebtedness for necessary family supplies, and creditors seek to enforce their claims by appeals to the department, the following will govern:

"The department will not be made an agency for the collection of debts contracted by its employees, but when a clerk

or other employee, receiving a stated salary, neglects or pleads inability to pay debts for the necessary support of self and family, without presenting satisfactory reasons therefor, the department will regard such clerk or employee as guilty of improper practice, and one who ought not to be continued in the public service.

"When charges are made involving commercial turpitude, and sustained by proper evidence, the department will take action looking to the removal of the offending person.

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